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The Honorable John Moolenaar
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Moolenaar:

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The Honorable Michelle Lujan Grisham
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Grisham:

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The Honorable Richard Nolan
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Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Gwen Graham
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Graham:

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The Honorable Ann Kuster
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Ralph Abraham
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Mike D. Rogers
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The Honorable Ann Kirkpatrick
U.S. House of Representatives
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U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Steve King
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U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Trent Kelly
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Dan Newhouse
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U.S. House of Representatives
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U.S. House of Representatives
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